

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, August 20, 2007 at 4:30pm in the Board of Works room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Leon Trachtman, Paula Woods, Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Karen Springer and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council member Ann Hunt was also present. Absent were Council members Gil Satterly and Gerry Keen.

Leon convened the Board at 4:33pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting. Paula motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Received a letter regarding the two-week teachers high school educational program at Lilly Nature Center. They were very impressed with the condition of the facility and the grounds, and many of those in attendance visited the area during their free time throughout the two-week period.

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- Coed league play will end this week. The men's league ended August 1.
- Marquis de Lafayette celebration will kick off with a proclamation being read by Mayors Mills, Roswarski, and Commissioner Benson at 11:45am at Global Fest on September 1.
- Global Fest is Saturday, September 1, 10:00am until 9:00pm. The Naturalization Ceremony will take place on Friday, August 31, at 4:00pm.

**Parks** – Joe reported in Lee's absence on the following:

- Inspections noted.
- Closed swimming pool.
- Repainted some rooms at Morton.
- Mechanical repairs.
- Replaced shelter roof at Centennial Park.
- Installed two trail triosks and two benches.

**Recreation** – Chris reported on the following:

- The pool closed on Sunday, August 12. The warm weather kept the staff busy through closing.  
Swim lessons were completed August 3. The staff taught over 1,500 group swim lessons. Private and semi-private lessons were well attended, with 244 lessons being taught.
- The fall brochure should be mailed out this week. Approximately 4,200 brochures will be bulk mailed to everyone on our mailing list.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

Attended the Purdue Graduate Fair Friday morning, August 17, at Stewart Center to promote Morton classes and West Lafayette parks. The hot item was our Trail Guide, 75 students sign up to receive a copy of our fall recreation brochure.

- On Saturday, August 11, the West Lafayette Class of 1952 stopped by Morton for a tour of their former school.

- Area IV Council on Aging and Community Services will be hosting a Senior Art Contest at Morton Community Center. Senior artwork will be displayed in room 106 from September 7 – October 11.

- Presented summer registrations to date. So far, there are 1,138 registrations for this summer compared to 988 last year, a 15% increase. One of the good programs this summer was the Creative Dramatics program taught by Susan Kisinger. There was a very receptive response to the program by the parents and children alike. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the classes.

**Old Business****Budget**

Joe distributed the 2008 Summary Budget request sheet that was submitted as part of the budget process. There may have been one item omitted in the final budgeting distribution, which has not been determined fully yet, but might require us to do an additional appropriation next year.

Joe presented information and discussed a request for use of the restrooms at Riverside Skating Center during a special Paint Out event sponsored by the Art Museum on Myers Bridge and nearby, including Tapawingo Park on 10/13/07.

Leon requested information on the status of the foot bridge building in Michaud-Sinninger Woods. Joe provided information pertaining to the construction materials being used, noting it is beginning to get underway and will continue through the fall and winter months.

**New Business****Global Fest**

Pennie requested to establish a Cash/Change Fund for \$500.00 and a Petty Cash Fund for \$200.00 for Global Fest to revert back no later than 11/30/07. Mike motioned to approve the request to establish a Cash/Change and Petty Cash Fund for Global Fest as presented. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Art on the Wabash**

Joe reported on the Art on the Wabash special event and the planned dedication of the sculpture at the trailside park along N. River Rd. at the current north end of the West Lafayette segment of the Wabash Heritage Trail. The dedication is planned for 1:00pm.

**River Vineyard Church Addendum**

Brenda presented a request from the River Vineyard Church group requesting additional time of use to expand its services and for additional room use to expand the

nursery space from one room to two rooms. We have reached an agreement to adjust the period of use for the lease, the rental space of the lease (the number of rooms that are needed) and to increase their monthly rental fee from the current fee of \$1,100.00 to \$1,200.00. Brenda recommended that next year, if the group asks for the same amount of time, that we increase the rental fee to \$1,300.00 per month. This way, it will give them the opportunity to budget for the additional expense, provided continued growth of their church does not force them to look elsewhere for more space. Paula motioned to approve the request as presented. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **EarthCache**

Joe presented a request from Rochelle Greer asking permission to create an EarthCache (An EarthCache site is a special place that people can visit to learn about a unique geoscience feature or aspect of our Earth) at Celery Bog Nature Area. Discussion followed with consensus approval from the Park Board.

### **West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:**

- The school year is off to a good start. Preliminary enrollment data shows an increase within the corporation boundaries. The week before school started, another all-day kindergarten class was added, increasing the total to four all-day classes. The official data should be available Friday, September 14, so more information should be available after that date.
- The Board is currently working on their budget, with the first budget hearing scheduled for this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Administrative Center.
- Dr. Killion is meeting people and getting a good feel for the corporation.

### **Wabash River**

- Joe reported there was a meeting today, but conflicted with the Park Board meeting.
- Joe received a brief update last week on our Transportation Enhancement application for the extension of the Wabash Heritage Trail into Happy Hollow Park. The selection committee will make its final project selection by September 30, 2007. After the commissioner and governor approve the selections, a formal letter will be sent to each applicant regarding the amount awarded and follow-up instructions. If we are fortunate enough to be selected for our application amount, we would complete our design work and begin working with INDOT, and we would be very lucky to begin construction work next year. There is generally a two-year process in completing these projects.
- Paula reported that she sat in on the Riverfest evaluation meeting, noting they almost broke even this year, which is very good for them. They were pleased with the event; noting the crowd was small, but could be attributed to low advertising of the event. The people that were vendors, and had displays there, were very pleased with the event. There was discussion of expanding the events that are offered throughout the day.

### **Other**

N/A

### **Purchase Orders**

N/A

**Pay Claims**

Paula motioned for claims to be paid. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Mike motioned the meeting be adjourned. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary